

I am appalled at the use of public airwaves for purely propaganda purposes. Especially as Sinclair apparently considers this forced programming to be "news" despite the fact that it is deceiving and non factual and has no basis in reality. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Both Sinclair and the FCC are obligated by law to serve the public interest. I am very concerned when large companies control the airwaves and, as in this case, can force thier local stations to take the political positions of the media group owners instead of presenting fair, balanced, factual programs - especially in the area of politics!

At the very least I believe Sinclair ought to be forced to schedule another film such as "Going Upriver" in exactly the same time slot without commercial interruption

I will now seek to check on how Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge in general and am willing to engage in both a boycott of their sponsors and a continuing effort to see that the FCC properly protects me from this sort of abuse.

Sinclair's actions make it clear that we need to strengthen media ownership rules, instead of weakening them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.